



# Hanalei Elementary School Newsletter

## A Message from Principal Moraes

Aloha Hanalei School Ohana:

September is here and we are still enjoying the warm summer weather with the late afternoon showers drifting down from Nāmolokama mountain.

Our first month back to school has been busy; learning, growing and rediscovering many of the joys of learning that we missed during the last couple of years. It is great to see our children's beautiful smiles again and also to reintroduce more cooperative learning to enrich our academic experiences. One event that was put on pause during the pandemic was our open house. We will bring this event back on Tuesday, September 13th. Open house will start with an optional walking tour of our campus at 4:45 for those families who are new to our school or who haven't had the opportunity to see the beautiful Hanalei School grounds in the past couple of years. Classrooms will open at 5 PM for you to meet your child(ren)'s teachers and see all the great work your child(ren) are already doing in school. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful PTA we will have free pizza available in the cafe. Please plan to grab a slice and stick around to hear updates from your new principal, your Parent Teacher Association and your School Community Council. We are thrilled to be able to hold these events and connect again in this way.

Deepening our connection seems to be a persistent theme throughout the school year. First, we deepen our connection with our students, understanding their needs in order to individualize their educational experiences. Ongoing formative assessment and Response to Intervention (RTI) are some specific ways that we individualize our students' education at Hanalei School. We also deepen our connection to our families with events such as coffee hour, open house and other forthcoming events. In addition, we deepen our connection with each other as a school community. One way that we will do this will be during our Professional Collaboration Day on September 16. As your calendars show, this will be a no student day. On this day, all teachers, EAs, PTTs, custodians and office staff will engage in an immersive, interactive experience at Waipā. Our intent is to ensure that we are all paddling in the same canoe as a whole school community. We are blessed to be supported by Kau'i Fu, Lea Weldon and Stacy Sproat- Beck of the Waipā Foundation. We are also supported by Amber Kalikolehua Mokuahi and Kahanu Peneku of Kamehameha Schools.

A final deepening of connection is to our sense of place. If you have been at school past 7:50 in the morning, you may have heard the new songs playing. We continue to play the Star Spangled Banner on Mondays and have added Hawai'i Pono'i on Tuesdays, our Hanalei School Alma Mater on Wednesdays, Hawai'i Aloha on Thursdays and Oli Mahalo on Fridays. In this manner, our students start their day with a moment of mindfulness, grounded in the beauty of this place we have the privilege to call home.

In closing, we look forward to seeing all of you at our open house on September 13th and to continue to work with our families to provide a meaningful, well-rounded education that nurtures our children's academic capabilities and overall well-being.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana (With Warm-Hearted Aloha),

Deena Fontana Moraes  
Hanalei School Principal



# NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

Each month we will highlight what's been going on in the classrooms. Here's what Hanalei Elementary has been doing this first month of school! Look to the back of the newsletter for school-wide announcements and info.

## KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Deblin & Mrs. Rogoff



Hanalei School Kinders are learning about letters, numbers, 3Bs (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe), and how to teamwork and play nice together! We also get to practice our learning on iPads to enhance our skills and help us learn responsible use of technology.

## 1st GRADE

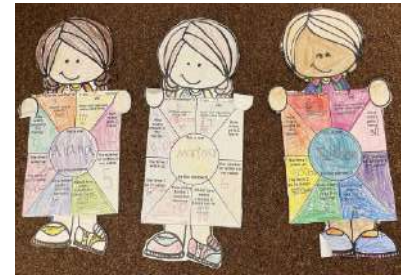
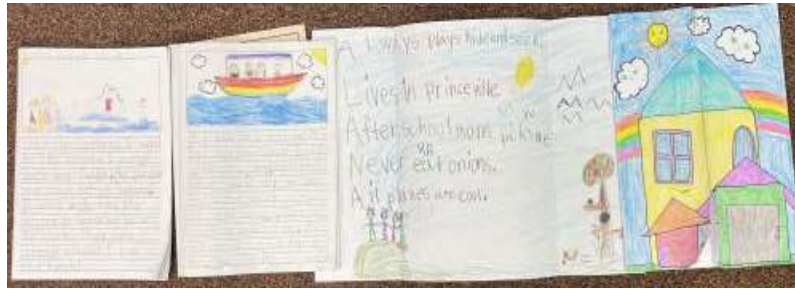
Mrs. Paik, Mrs. Fredericksen & Ms. Vogts



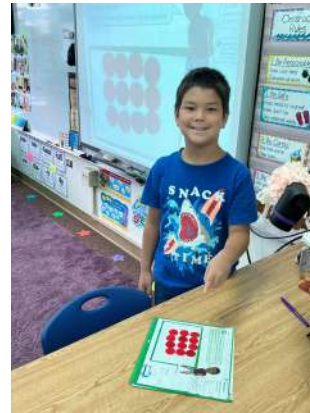
Aloha from first grade! We are having a blast building our class community! We are learning how to work together with kindness - celebrating our similarities and differences. We are also learning how to work independently using many different tools to solve complex problems. It's amazing how much we happily challenge our brains and hearts to grow. Mahalo for being our partners in academically and socially educating your sweet keiki!!

# 2nd GRADE

Ms. Hirashima & Mrs. Berardi



Second grade is off to a fabulous start this school year! We are working super hard on learning our basic addition facts, projects for open house, and learning all about germs for Science and Health. We are looking forward to learning lots of new and amazing things this school year!

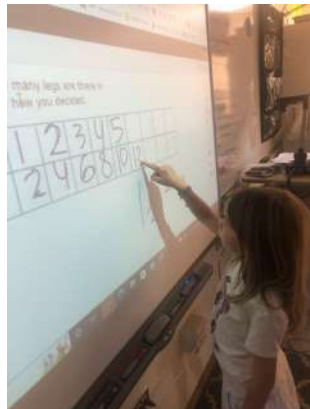


# 3rd GRADE

Mr. Andrews & Mrs. Swenson



The 3rd graders have had a great start to the school year! Students are excited about the new Envision Math program, they are learning lots working together in small groups in Science class, love displaying their amazing art work (come check it out at Open House!), and of course, take time to appreciate the beauty of Hanalei School!



# 4th GRADE

## Mrs. Robert



What a great start for our 4th graders this year! They have been working hard on reviewing foundational math skills of place value, addition, and subtraction. In Science, we started the year with our lab on soils and landforms. This is tied into our lessons on the history of how the islands are formed and learning about Hawaiian myths of how the islands were created. The students are creating some great posters on our islands and will be ready to share open house!

# 5th GRADE

## Ms. Gallagher & Ms. Collins

Ms Collins' Class: We kicked off the school year with a new math program called "Envision Math". This program incorporates critical thinking and offers many exciting components including "Pick a Project." The students are deep into their first Social Studies research project about Native Americans, and in Science they are learning about the solar system through hands on activities presented by Mrs. K. One science lesson focused on how to tell the time of the day by our shadows. Last, but not least, in ELA students are learning and applying comprehension strategies, using new vocabulary and we've been having a lot of fun learning about homophones and homographs.



Taco 'Bout an Amazing Class! In addition to ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies, a class focus is social emotional learning. Every month, students write thoughtful, positive statements about a classmate, chosen at random. The statements are compiled onto a poster board for all to read. The students truly enjoy reading what their classmates have written about them!



From Ms Gallagher's class: It has been a wonderful start to a new school year. Grade 5 is exploring perspective in art with some very creative drawings. Poetry is first on the agenda with the writing projects a "Silly Poem". In Science, the solar system is our topic. In Math, students are being challenged with our new "Envisions Math" curriculum. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!



# 6th GRADE

## Mrs. Adams & Ms. Ricardo



6th grade students are off to a great start in Mrs. Adams' math and science classes. In math, the students are working on quickly and fluently adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing both decimal numbers and numbers that are fractions. In science, students learned about the scientific method and the engineering design process. They are now taking this information and applying it to real life in order to come up with an idea for their individual science projects. The ideas that have been submitted for projects so far are SUPER innovative!



In Ms. Ricardo's class, the 6th graders have started the year off learning their new routines and getting acclimated to the middle school-style schedule and expectations of two teachers. In Language Arts they have been busy doing a comprehensive review of grammar and writing to set a solid foundation for the coming months. They have started a mini writing project focusing on their favorite physical feature to nurture a healthy self-image. Additionally, in Social Studies, they are learning the basics of how to conduct historical research, paraphrase big ideas and geographical terms to support their future understanding of how early civilizations used the land forms to their advantage. In art they started the year off with a collage type drawing focusing on their family, their history, their future and interests in a project called "Mo'olelo of Me".

## TECH CENTER with Ryan McGill



Aloha Families! Welcome back to another school year! As I am sure you have noticed, technology has become an increasingly important part of education (and life!). We are fortunate at Hanalei School to have a device for every student to use here at school to support their education, thanks in large part to the generous contributions from our wonderful community. Using technology is a responsibility and opportunity for our students, and our goal is to help them learn to be Effective and Ethical Users of Technology (General Learner Outcome #6 - The ability to use a variety of technologies effectively and ethically). The beginning of the school year is a good time to review the guidelines for responsible technology use here at school, and it can be an opportunity for families and students to discuss and reflect on their technology use outside of school as well. Below are a couple of resources that can inform these discussions, and help your family and students navigate technology and media use in their school and personal lives as well:

- Hawaii State Department of Education (HIDOE) [Technology Responsible Use Guidelines](#) (link on school website as well)
- [Common Sense Media](http://www.common sense media.org) ([www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)) - a great technology and media resource for families

Mahalo, and may you all have a wonderful school year!

# IMPORTANT DATES!

## SEPTEMBER

## OCTOBER

9/5 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

10/1-10/9 - NO SCHOOL - FALL BREAK

9/13 - Open House 4:45-6pm

10/10 - 1st Day of 2nd Quarter

9/16 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Collaboration Day

10/24 - Report Cards Sent Home

9/26 - NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

10/31 - Halloween

9/30 - Market Day @1pm (more info coming soon!)

10/31-11/4 - 12:50 Dismissal each day for parent conferences

9/30 - Last Day of 1st Quarter

10/31-11/4 - SPIRIT WEEK (more details to follow!)



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TO SUPPORT HAWAII

Shop at Foodland and make a donation to  
**Hanalei School Foundation**  
**78978**

Foodland will match a portion of your gift!  
Please provide your Maika'i member number when making your donation.

Now through September 30.



Give Aloha to Hanalei School Foundation during the month of September. All funds go directly to providing art, music, PE, garden, STEM and other enrichment programs for the keiki. These programs are all funded by the PTA and your donations!

# HANALEI PTA NEWS




### Why Join the Hanalei PTA?

- Children Benefit!**  
Research shows that participating in your child's school and showing engagement helps them perform better academically.
- The School Benefits!**  
PTA provides support for teachers and administration. It puts on programs and events that bring our school together as a community and enrich learning.
- Make Connections!**  
Get to know the teachers & staff better and make life-long friends with other parents at the school!
- It's Good for You!**  
Socializing with other parents and volunteering to do good for your child's school is fun, healthy and rewarding!

**PTA Programs:**

- Coffee with Principal
- Art
- P.E.
- Fitness Challenge
- Music
- After School Clubs
- Fund Teaching Lines
- Technology
- Recycling
- And More!!

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**Join PTA today at**  
[www.hanaleipta.org](http://www.hanaleipta.org)

Contact us anytime at 416-379-0032

# HANALEI SCHOOL

## Open House

Tuesday, September 13th

- 4:45-Campus Tour (optional)
- 5-6 Visit Classrooms
- 5:45 Community Meeting Talk Story with Principal/ PTA & School Community Council

**PIZZA** Join us !!  
1st come first serve

www.hanaleipta.org  
@hanaleiptsa 416-379-0032

# School CLUBS

We are working with Aloha Angels to offer after school clubs year-round this school year, starting Quarter 2. Please email us if you would like to be a club leader, or have club suggestions.


## WE NEED YOU

2022-2023 School Year  
**A Hanalei Helper**

Hanalei Helpers are an important part of our community. The Hanalei PTA needs a group of people (Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, older siblings, etc) to contact if we need small or large tasks done. It could be sorting papers, making copies, assisting in classrooms, helping at a PTA event. We will send an email with what we need help with, you send us an email back if you can help. It's as easy as that!

Mahalo!

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